MR. CHAIRMAN: But why did you trespass in the other case? You are running out-agencies in other places.

SHRI MADHAVARAO SCINDIA: Sir, that was a historical trespass which I am not responsible for.

MR. CHAIRMAN: It is not a good answer. You see, you can't take shelter under the fact that it is not. Whereas you see in other cases also, you are running out-agencies you must say whether it is possible or not. What is your objecction to it?

SHRI MADHAVARAO SCINDIA: Sir, there is an integrated transport system envisaged in this country but we are in early stages of planning for this integrated transport system for the future, the bus services will come under the purview of the Madhya Pradesh Government in this particular case or under the Surface Transport Ministry and we have no plans at all to run buses in future. In fact, I am glad, the hon. Member pointed it out. I think that we should examine whether we should terminate the buses that are already being run by the Railways.

श्रीमती शान्ती पूहाड़िया : श्रीमन् मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से यह पूछना चाहती हूं कि हमारे करोली में एक धार्मिक स्थान है और वहां पर बहुत से यात्री आते हैं, क्या वहां पर कोई ट्रेन चलाने का सरकार का कोई विचार है?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Not relevant to this question.

श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव : माननीय सभापति जी, मैं रेल मंत्री जी से यह जानना चाहता हूं कि खजुराहो जो कि पौराणिक, हिस्टोरिकल कल्चर प्लेस है और इस तरह के अनेक स्थान हैं, चाहे वे धार्मिक हों, ऐतिहासिक हों, प्राकृतिक दृष्टि के लायक हों, ऐसे स्थानों में रेल सेवा विकसित करने के लिए सप्तम पंचवर्षीय योजना में आपने कुछ प्रावधान किया है? जैसे अभी आपने कहा है कि खजुराहो में योजना है, लेकिन अभी एक्शन नहीं है, लेकिन सप्तम पंचवर्षीय योजना में इस प्रकार की खजुराहो की तरह और भी कितनी योजनाएं हैं जिनको कि हम विकसित करना चाहते हैं।

श्री माधव राव सिंधिया : फिलहाल कोई विचाराधीन नहीं है।

*215. [*The questioner (Shri Sukomal Sen) was absent. For answer,* vide *cols.* 42-43 infra].

Missing Question Papers for Class X of the All India Secondary School Examination

*216. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:†
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a packet of question papers set for the All India Secondary School Examinations Class X for the year 1986-87 was found missing in Delhi resulting in the postponement of the examinaitons by a fortnight;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what steps had been taken for the proper security of these question papers once they received from the press and packed;

(d) whether any enquiry has been made in this regard; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Suraj Prasad.

Statement

According to the schedule notified by the Central Board of Secondary Education, New Delhi for conducting secondary and senior secondary school examinations for the year 1987 the examinations for the All India secondary and Senior Secondary School were due to begin on March 2, 1987. In the course of supply of question papers to examination centres, it was discovered on 14.2.1987 that one of the packets containing question papers for some of the subjects for the All India Secondary School Examination (Class X) was missing. After the checking and verification within the premises of the CBSE, it was established that the packet was missing. The loss was reported to the Police on 16.2.1987.

In view of the possibility that the missing packet could go into the hands of wrong people, it was decided on 17.2.1987 to replace the question papers by freshly prepared ones in all centres. Since this would take time, it was decided to postpone this examination i.e. All India Secondary School Examination Class X so as to begin on 17.3.1987. The scheduled for other examinations was not affected.

Handling of question papers in the Board is a confidential task and it specially authorised. A limited number of people are assigned this work. The question papers are received and kept in separate rooms under double locks. Round the clock security is provided for these rooms. In view of this incident, in addition to the report lodged with the police, the CBSE has also appointed on Enquiry Committee to review the procedures and arrangements relating to the handling of such matters and to advise on the necessary improvements in the prevailing system.

श्री सूरज प्रसाद : महोदय प्रश्न के जवाब से लगता यह है कि प्रश्न-पत्रों की जो चोरी हुई उसके पीछे कुछ लोगों का हाथ है, क्योंकि राउंड दी क्लाक सुरक्षा की व्यवस्था की गई थी। महोदय मैं केन्द्रीय सरकार से यह जानना चाहता हूं कि कौन लोग हैं और किसकी सेक्योरिटी में ये क्वेश्चन पेपर रखे गए थे और दूसरा यह कि इस संबंध में इन्क्वायरी कमेटी को जो बहाल किया है उसकी रिपोर्ट कब तक प्रकाशित होने की संभावना ।

श्री पी० वी० नरसिंह राव : मान्यवर, इसकी जानकारी कि कौन इसके पीछे है और किसने क्या किया है यह तो पुलिस की तफतीश के बाद ही मालूम होगा। जहां तक इस इन्क्वायरी कमेटी का सवाल है मैं समझता हूं कि जितनी जल्दी वह कर सकती है करेगी, क्योंकि यह आज पहली बार ऐसा एक वाक्य हुआ है। इसको काफी छान-बीन के साथ देखना पड़ता है। अभी तक हमने ऐसी कोई वारदात नहीं सुनी है। हमें भी इसका खेद है कि यह हुआ है और अथारिटीज ने भी आकर कहा है कि वे बहुत आश्चर्यचकित है कि ऐसा कैसे हुआ । हम इन्क्वायरी कमेटी को थोड़ा समय दें तो अच्छा होगा ताकि वह अच्छी तरह से देख कर और सोच-समझ कर कुछ करे। आज की परीक्षा है वह तो किसी तरह निपट गई और उसमें जो इर-रेगुलेरिटी आ गई थी उससे भी हम निपटे इसलिए अभी कोई घाटा होने वाला नहीं है चाहे महीना, दो महीने भी लग जाएं। इसमें हमें कोई जल्दबाजी नहीं करनी चाहिये यही मैं आपसे कहना चाहता हूं।

श्री सूरज प्रसाद : महोदय मैंने जो पहला प्रश्न पूछा था इसमें लिखा हुआ है कि Round-the-clock security is provided for these rooms.

तो किसी की सिक्योरिटी में तो वह रूम होगा । वह कौन व्यक्ति है ? कौन उसका जम्मेदार है ? क्वेश्चन नम्बर तीन में यह है कि इस तरह की घटना भविष्य में भी नहीं होने पाए तो इसके लिए सरकार ने क्या व्यवस्था की है।

श्री पी० वी० नरसिंह राव : दोनों का ही मैं जवाब दे चुका हूं। राउंड दी क्लाक एक एक आदमी वहां है। कोई न कोई आदमी वहां है। लेकिन किस वक्त और किस आदमी के रहते यह हुआ तो इसका पता तो तफतीश में, इन्वेस्टीगेशन में ही चलेगा। आगे रोकथाम के लिए क्या करना चाहिए

उसके लिए इन्कवायरी कमेटी बैठी है । उसको हम थोड़ा सा समय दें और उनसे जो भी सिफारिश आती है फिर उसके बारे में हम गौर करें तो अच्छा है ।

Repatriation of 'Kohinoor' and the 'Peacock throne'

*217. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answers to Starred Question 617 and Unstarred Question 816 given in the Rajya Sabha on 14th December, 1977 and 4th May, 1984 respectively and state:

(a) whether Government have held talks with the Governments of the UK and Iran to bring back 'Kohinoor' and the 'Peacock Throne' respectively; and

(b) if so, what is the response of the Governments of the UK and Iran in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

SHRI M. KADHARSHA: I am not able to get anything from the reply which just says, 'No'. Don't the Government think it is proper to take up the matter with the concerned Governments? If not, why not?

SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO: This Question has been answered many times. The policy in this regard was laid down by our first Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, as far back as 1956. He categorically took the view. And, Sir, that view prevailed and that was the decision in the case of objects like this and we should not take up this matter with the other Governments. There are only two cases where some sentimental value is attached.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Question Hour is over.

SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO: Is the Question Hour over, Sir?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes, the Question Hour is over.

SHRI P.V. NARSIMHA RAO: All right.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Danger to Qutab Minar

*201. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to some tragedy in the recent past the Qutab Minar was closed for the tourists;

(b) whether it is also a fact that due to the closure of the Qutab Minar, there had been an accumulation of a lot of dirt and insects inside the Minar;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there is no proper maintenance and cleanliness inside the monument;

(d) if so, what action Government propose to take to save this very important monument in the capital from decay; and

(e) whether Government propose to reopen this monument for the visitors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.

(e) No, Sir.